

Waiting for the Promise  
Luke 9:10-17

Review:

1. The essential truth of the gospel – Jesus is alive from the dead, and He will come again.
2. The essential prelude to service – earnest, sustained prayer.
3. The essential preparation for service – not just baptism with water, but with the Holy Spirit.

Go Further: Read Luke 9:1-6, 10-17

1. What power and authority did Jesus give His disciples before sending them on their mission trip?
2. What did Jesus send the disciples to do? How does this compare to the Church's calling today?
3. What equipment did Jesus tell His disciples to carry with them?
4. In verse 4, Jesus tells His disciples to stay in only one home in each town they were to visit. Why do you think He might have told them to do this?
5. In verse 5, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do if the people of a town didn't want to listen to them? What do you think this action symbolizes?
6. What does verse 6 say the disciples did on their mission trip?
7. When they returned, what did they want to tell Jesus in verse 10? Do you find anything strange about this statement? What might they have left out?
8. Where did Jesus take them after they returned? Mark 6:31 says that He wanted them to rest awhile – why do you think they might have needed some time off?
9. Who followed them? Why would their presence have been a disappointment to the disciples?
10. How does verse 11 say Jesus treated the crowd? What did He do for them?
11. What problem did the disciples identify in verse 12? How did they suggest that Jesus solve this problem? What does their suggestion indicate about their understanding of His abilities?
12. What does Jesus tell the disciples to do in verse 13? What does their response indicate about their understanding of His abilities as well as their own?
13. How many men were in the crowd? Matthew 14:21 indicates that there were many women and children also present. How many people do you think needed to be fed?
14. What did Jesus tell the disciples to instruct the crowd to do? Because He hadn't yet told them how He was going to feed the crowd, what sort of faith did this require of the disciples?
15. According to verse 16, what did Jesus do with the bread and fish? What did the disciples do?
16. How much did each of the crowd get to eat? How much food was left over?

Apply:

1. Given Jesus' instructions to His disciples when He sent them out on their mission trip, what tools do you think you have for ministry? What extra tools might you need? How can you use those tools to accomplish the will of God in the world around you?
2. Thinking about how Jesus was willing to give His time to the crowd, what does this tell us about the proper attitude we should have in ministry?
3. Thinking about what Jesus and the disciples did to feed the crowd, how does that form a model for all ministry? Where it comes to evangelism, what is God's job and what is our job?
4. When did the disciples get to eat? What does this say about the proper priorities of ministry?
5. How much did the disciples get to eat? What does this say about the blessings that come from ministry? How have you been blessed by teaching and serving others?